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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH DINITZ, OCTOBER 17

1. SECRETARY MET FOR ONE HOUR WITH DINITZ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

2. MILITARY SUPPLY: MAIN SUBJECT WAS DINITZ'S COMPLAINTS OF DELAYS IN MILITARY SUPPLY PROGRAMS. HIS LIST INCLUDED: F-15 (PENTAGON INSISTENCE ON 30-36-MONTH WAIT AFTER SIGNATURE OF LETTER OF OFFER); F-16 (DELAY IN START OF TECHNICAL TALKS); AND A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT THEY WERE TOLD WERE UNDER NSC REVIEW (PAVE SPIKE AND DESIGNATORS; ALL OF 1975 SLICE OF MATMON-B; ENCRYPTION; CLUSTER BOMBS; FLIR; CONTINGENCY PLAN).

3. THE SECRETARY RECOMMENDED THAT DINITZ GIVE THE DETAILS TO GENERAL SCOWCROFT. THE PRESIDENT HAD MADE CLEAR THAT ANYTHING HELD UP BY THE REASSESSMENT WAS BT RELEASED, AND THEY WOULD NOT BE PENALIZED FOR TIME LOST DURING REASSESSMENT. SECONDLY, WHAT WAS AWAITING THE NSC REVIEW WAS PRINCIPALLY ITEMS REQUESTED AFTERWARDS. THE PRESIDENT HAD ORDERED THE NSC REVIEW IN ORDER TO ENSURE ORDERLY INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONSIDERATION AND TO PROTECT AGAINST UNDUE DRAWDOWNS FROM U.S. STOCKS.

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ONLY QUESTION RE LESS SOPHISTICATED ITEMS WAS AVAILABILITY.

IN ANY CASE, THE NSC REVIEW WOULD BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER

1. DINITZ ASKED IF IT MIGHT BE ACCELERATED; THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD SEE, PERHAPS FOR SOME ITEMS. THE MORE SOPHISTICATED ITEMS WERE ENCOUNTERING OPPOSITION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

4. AID PACKAGE: THE SECRETARY EXPECTED THAT THE EARLIEST THE AID PACKAGE COULD BE SUBMITTED WAS BY THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

5. SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT: DINITZ GAVE THE DETAILS OF A SHIP, THE NETA (LIBERIAN FLAG, FOREIGN CREW, BRITISH REGISTRY) WHICH WOULD CARRY 5,000 TONS OF SOUTH AFRICAN CEMENT THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL ON OCTOBER 22, TO ASHDOD. OTHER BOATS OF THE SAME COMPANY HAVE USED THE CANAL IN THE PAST.

6. ASAD-FORD MEETING: THE SECRETARY INFORMED DINITZ WE HAD JUST GOT WORD FROM DAMASCUS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MEETING NOW BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND ASAD.

7. RABIN VISIT: THERE WAS LONG DISCUSSION OF THE SCHEDULING OF RABIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. DECEMBER WAS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF TRAVEL COMMITMENTS AND IT WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO WAIT UNTIL JANUARY. THE SECRETARY CONCLUDED THAT NOVEMBER 19-20 WAS BEST TIME. RABIN COULD COME A DAY OR SO EARLIER AND MAKE HIS CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS, WITH OUR BLESSING, BEFORE THE RECESS. THIS HAD ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF BEING JUST BEFORE UNDOF DEADLINE. DINITZ SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER AN ADDRESS TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS, SINCE SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT SADAT WOULD DO SO. SECRETARY SAID THAT WAS NO PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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